

Tensions persist between legacy of Columbus, native people

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Monday's federal holiday dedicated to Christopher Columbus is highlighting the ongoing divide between those who view the explorer as a representative of Italian American history and others horrified by an annual tribute that ignores native people whose lives and culture were forever changed by colonialism.

Spurred by national calls for racial equity, communities across the U.S. took a deeper look at Columbus' legacy in recent years — pairing or replacing it with Indigenous Peoples Day. On Friday, President Joe Biden issued the first presidential proclamation of

"Indigenous Peoples' Day," the most significant boost yet to efforts to refocus the federal holiday celebrating Columbus.

But activists, including members of Native American tribes, said ending the formal holiday in Columbus' name has been stymied by politicians and organizations focusing on Italian American heritage. "The opposition has tried to paint Columbus as a benevolent man, similar to how white supremacists have painted Robert E. Lee," Les Begay, Diné Nation member and co-founder of the Indigenous Peoples' Day Coalition of Illinois, said, referring to the Civil War general who led the Confederate Army.

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In this Oct. 8, 2012 file photo, people ride on a float with a large bust of Christopher Columbus during the Columbus Day parade in New York.

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Columbus' arrival began centuries of exploration and colonization by European nations, bringing violence, disease and other suffering to native people already living in the Western Hemisphere.

"Not honoring Indigenous peoples on this day just continues to erase our history, our contributions and the fact that we were the first inhabitants of this country," Begay said.

Across the country tension, over the two holidays

has been playing out since the early 1990s. Debates over monuments and statues of the Italian explorer tread similar ground, as in Philadelphia where the city placed a box over a Columbus statue last year in the wake of the murder of George Floyd, a Black man, by a white Minneapolis police officer. Protesters opposing racial injustice and police brutality against people of color rallied for months in summer 2020.

Philadelphia lawyer George Bochetto, who

has been fighting Democratic Mayor Jim Kenney's administration to uncover the statue, said Saturday many felt efforts to remove it were an attack on Italian-American heritage.

Kenney previously signed an executive order changing the city's annual Columbus Day holiday to Indigenous Peoples Day. Monday will be the first city holiday under the new name.

"We have a mayor that's doing everything he can to attack the Italian American community, including can-



This June 17, 2020 file photo shows Philadelphia police at Marconi Plaza near the Columbus statue in Philadelphia.

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celing its parade, removing statues, changing the Columbus Day holiday to Indigenous Peoples Day by fiat," Bochetto said.

Kenney spokesperson Kevin Lessard said the statue should remain boxed up "in the best interest and public safety of all Philadelphians." In 2016, Lincoln, Nebraska, joined other cities adding Indigenous Peoples' Day to the calendar on the same date as Columbus Day. Events on Monday will focus on the newer addition, including unveiling a statue honoring the first Native American physician, Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte.

Some feel a split day causes further harm. Activists plan a small protest outside the Robert V. Denney Federal Building, calling for an outright end to the holiday in Columbus' name at all levels of government.

"It's patently absurd to honor Indigenous people and the man who tortured and murdered their ancestors," said Jackson Meredith, an organizer. "As far as we're concerned, we're going to keep protesting it until Columbus Day is abolished."

In New York City, the annual Columbus Day Parade returns after a one-year, in-person absence attributed to the coronavirus pandemic. The parade is touted by some as the world's

largest Columbus Day celebration.

In May, Italian American activists complained after the Board of Education erased Christopher Columbus Day from the New York City school calendar, replacing it with "Indigenous People's Day." Following the outcry, the schools changed the designation to: "Italian Heritage Day/Indigenous People's Day."

Mayor Bill de Blasio said he supported the compromise. "We have to honor that day as a day to recognize the contributions of all Italian Americans, so of course the day should not have been changed arbitrarily," de Blasio said.

Chicago's annual Columbus Day parade also returns Monday after the pandemic forced 2020's cancellation of the event that draws 20,000 people. It's a vivid reminder of the ongoing fight over three statues of Columbus, still warehoused by the city after protesters targeted them in summer 2020.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot in July 2020 ordered the statues removed and said demonstrations were endangering protesters and police.

She later created a committee to review monuments in the city, including the fate of Columbus monuments. □

Navy nuclear engineer charged with trying to pass secrets

By ERIC TUCKER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Navy nuclear engineer with access to military secrets has been charged with trying to pass information about the design of American nuclear-powered submarines to someone he thought was a representative of a foreign government but who turned out to be an undercover FBI agent, the Justice Department said Sunday.

In a criminal complaint detailing espionage-related charges against Jonathan Toebbe, the government said he sold information for nearly the past year to a contact he believed represented a foreign power. That country was not named in the court documents.

Toebbe, 42, was arrested in West Virginia on Saturday along with his 45-year-old wife, Diana, after he had placed a removable memory card at a prearranged "dead drop" in Jefferson County, according to the Justice Department.

It wasn't immediately clear whether either Toebbe had a lawyer. The Toebbes are from Annapolis, Maryland.



In this Friday, July 30, 2004 file photo, the U.S.S. Virginia returns to the Electric Boat Shipyard in Groton Conn., after its first sea trials.

Associated Press

The Navy declined to comment Sunday.

The FBI says the scheme began in April 2020 when Jonathan Toebbe sent a package of Navy documents to a foreign government and said he was interested in selling operations manuals, performance reports and other sensitive information. Authorities say he also provided instructions for how to conduct the furtive re-

lationship, with a letter that said: "I apologize for this poor translation into your language. Please forward this letter to your military intelligence agency. I believe this information will be of great value to your nation. This is not a hoax."

The FBI's legal office in the foreign country received the package, which had a return address of Pittsburgh, last December. That

led to a monthslong undercover operation in which an agent posing as a representative of the foreign government offered to pay thousands of dollars in cryptocurrency for the information Toebbe was offering. In June, the FBI says, the undercover agent sent \$10,000 in cryptocurrency to Toebbe, describing it as a sign of good faith and trust.

The following week, FBI agents watched as the Toebbes arrived at an agreed-upon location in West Virginia for the exchange, with Diana Toebbe appearing to serve as a lookout for her husband during the dead-drop operation, according to the complaint. The FBI recovered a blue SD card wrapped in plastic and placed between two slices of bread on a peanut butter sandwich, the complaint says.

The FBI paid Toebbe \$20,000 for the transaction and provided the contents of the SD card to a Navy subject matter expert, who determined that the records included design elements and performance characteristics of Virginia-class submarine reactors, the Justice Department said. Those submarines are sophisticated, nuclear-powered "cruise missile fast-attack submarines," according to the complaint.

The SD card also included a typed message that said, in part: "I hope your experts are very happy with the sample provided and I understand the importance of a small exchange to grow our trust." □

No. 2 House Republican refuses to say election wasn't stolen



In this Friday, Oct. 11, 2019, file photo, President Donald Trump and House Minority Whip Steve Scalise, R-La., arrive in Lake Charles, La.

Associated Press

By HOPE YEN

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House's second-ranking Republican, Rep. Steve Scalise, repeatedly refused to say on Sunday that the 2020 election wasn't stolen, standing by Donald Trump's lie that Democrat

Joe Biden won the White House because of mass voter fraud.

More than 11 months after Americans picked their president and almost nine months since Biden was inaugurated, Scalise was unwilling during a national

television interview to acknowledge the legitimacy of the vote, instead sticking to his belief that the election results should not have been certified by Congress. "I've been very clear from the beginning," he said. "If you look at a number of states, they didn't follow their state-passed laws that govern the election for president. That is what the United States Constitution says. They don't say the states determine what the rules are. They say the state legislatures determine the rules," the Louisiana congressman said on "Fox News Sunday."

Pressed by moderator Chris Wallace on whether the election went beyond a few irregularities to be considered "stolen," Scalise responded: "It's not just irregularities. It's states that

did not follow the laws set which the Constitution says they're supposed to follow." Trump left office in January a few weeks after a mob

of his supporters stormed the Capitol in a violent riot in an attempt to prevent Congress from formally declaring Biden the winner. □



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Oil spill sidelines surfers, hurts shops in California

By AMY TAXIN

Associated Press

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Richard Beach stayed clear of the ocean for several days after an undersea pipeline leaked crude into the waters off Southern California, sending a foul smell across the shore.

A week later, the ocean remained off limits to swimming and surfing. But that didn't stop the 69-year-old from returning to the waves in Huntington Beach on Sunday with his bodyboard — until lifeguards on jet skis chased him out. He trekked back across the beach, passing workers in hazmat suits tasked with clearing the sand of sticky, black blobs that washed ashore after the spill.

"The water's perfect," Beach said. "Clear all the way to the bottom."

Huntington Beach and nearby coastal communities are still reeling from last week's spill that officials said sent at least about 25,000 gallons (95,000 liters) and no more than 132,000 gallons (500,000 liters) of oil into the ocean. It was caused by a leak about 5 miles (8 kilometers) offshore in a pipeline owned by Houston-based Amplify Energy that shuttles crude



Richard Beach, 69, of Huntington Beach, Calif., said he was told to leave the ocean by lifeguards after he returned to the waves to bodyboard in Huntington Beach, Calif., Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021.

Associated Press

from offshore oil platforms to the coast.

The spill was confirmed on Oct. 2., a day after residents reported a petroleum smell in the area. The cause is under investigation and officials said they believe the pipeline was likely damaged by a ship's anchor several months to a year before it ruptured. It remains unknown when the slender, 13-inch (33-centimeter) crack in the pipeline began leaking oil.

On Sunday, there was no smell of oil and the sand looked largely clear by the Huntington Beach pier, where workers combed the sand for tar. But local officials worry about the environmental impact of the spill on wetlands, wildlife and the economy. With the ocean off limits in the community dubbed Surf City USA, relatively few people were at the beach and shops that cater to them have been hurting.

Huntington Beach Mayor Kim Carr said she hopes to reopen the ocean within weeks in the city of 200,000 people. But officials are testing the water to ensure it's safe before people are allowed back in. Popular surfing and swimming spots in Newport Beach and Laguna Beach are also closed, and further south the water is open but signs are posted warning people about the spill.

In Huntington Beach, shops

selling everything from bikinis and stars-and-stripes boogie boards to sand toys and fishing gear are taking a hit. Marian Johnson, who owns "Let's Go Fishing" on the pier, said sales have been halved since the spill. Mike Ali, who owns the nearby shop Zack's, said he understands the reason for the water closure but had to shut three of his four locations and slash his workers' hours. People are coming in for bike rentals and food to his one store that remains open, but without surf lessons, event catering and beach bonfires, business has tanked 90%, he said.

"It could be a year to two years to get the tourism to come back," Ali said, adding that a 1990 oil spill wound up diverting would-be visitors to beaches south and north of the city.

Rich Toro, 70, still took his regular 25-mile (40 kilometers) bike ride down to Huntington Beach on Sunday. But he said he wouldn't race to get back into the water in light of the spill and worries about the impact on wildlife. Since the incident, officials have reported 26 dead birds and eight dead fish, while 24 oiled birds have been recovered and are being treated. □

1 killed, 14 wounded in shootout at Minnesota bar



Investigators processed the chaotic scene of a multiple shooting at the bar Truck Park in St. Paul, Minn., that happened after midnight on Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021.

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — A shootout at a busy bar in St. Paul, Minnesota, early Sunday left a woman

dead and 14 other people wounded, authorities said. The shooting happened shortly after midnight at the

Seventh Street Truck Park bar. Police said preliminary information indicated several people fired gunshots. Police arrested three men who were being treated at a hospital for injuries from the shootout. All three will be booked into the Ramsey County jail once they are discharged, the St. Paul Police Department said in a statement on Twitter. They have not yet been charged.

Authorities were still investigating what led to the shootout.

"We have a very busy bar, a lot of people just enjoying themselves and then we had a few individuals who decided to pull out guns and pull the trigger indis-

criminately, with no regard for human life," said police spokesman Steve Linders. "And I think about the poor woman who was just out enjoying herself. One minute she's dancing, smiling and laughing, and the next she's dying in friend's arms. It's nothing short of a tragedy."

The woman in her 20s who was killed is the 32nd homicide victim in the city so far this year, the Star Tribune reported. All of the other people who were shot are expected to survive, police said in a statement.

"My heart breaks for the woman who was killed, her loved ones and everyone else who was in that bar this morning," St. Paul

Chief of Police Todd Axtell said in the statement. "In an instant, they found themselves caught in a hellish situation. I want them to know that we have the best investigators in the country, and we won't stop until we find the people responsible for this madness."

The Seventh Street Truck bar is in an entertainment district just south of the Xcel Energy Center, where the NHL's Minnesota Wild play. Linders said he doesn't recall any recent previous calls for police service to Seventh Street Truck Park bar. "It's just not on our radar as a spot where we see this type of thing," Linders said. "We don't see this type of thing anywhere." □

Taliban says U.S. will provide humanitarian aid to Afghanistan

By KATHY GANNON
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD (AP) — The U.S. has agreed to provide humanitarian aid to a desperately poor Afghanistan on the brink of an economic disaster, while refusing to give political recognition to the country's new Taliban rulers, the Taliban said Sunday.

The statement came at the end of the first direct talks between the former foes since the chaotic withdrawal of U.S. troops at the end of August.

There was no immediate comment from the U.S. on the weekend meeting.

The Taliban said the talks held in Doha, Qatar, "went well," with Washington freeing up humanitarian aid to Afghanistan after agreeing not to link such assistance to formal recognition of the Taliban.

The United States made it clear that the talks were in no way a preamble to recognition of the Taliban, who swept into power Aug. 15 after the U.S.-allied gov-



A member of the Taliban, left, talks to Afghans gathering outside a government passport office recently re-opened after Taliban announced they would be issuing a backlog of applications approved by the previous administration in Kabul, Afghanistan, Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021.

Associated Press

ernment collapsed.

Taliban political spokesman Suhail Shaheen also told The Associated Press that the movement's interim foreign minister assured the U.S. during the talks that the Taliban are committed

to seeing that Afghan soil is not used by extremists to launch attacks against other countries.

On Saturday, however, the Taliban ruled out cooperation with Washington on containing the increasingly

active Islamic State group in Afghanistan.

IS, an enemy of the Taliban, has claimed responsibility for a number of recent attacks, including Friday's suicide bombing that killed 46 minority Shiite Muslims.

Washington considers IS its greatest terrorist threat emanating from Afghanistan.

"We are able to tackle Daesh independently," Shaheen said when asked whether the Taliban would work with the U.S. to contain the Islamic State affiliate. He used an Arabic acronym for IS.

Bill Roggio, a senior fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies who tracks militant groups, agreed the Taliban do not need Washington's help to hunt down and destroy Afghanistan's IS affiliate, known as the Islamic State in Khorasan Province, or ISKP.

The Taliban "fought 20 years to eject the U.S., and the last thing it needs is the return of the U.S. It also doesn't need U.S. help," said Roggio, who also produces the foundation's Long War Journal. "The Taliban has to conduct the difficult and time-consuming task of rooting out ISKP cells and its limited infrastructure. It has all the knowledge and tools it needs to do it." □

Calls rise in Italy to ban pro-fascism groups after rampage

By FRANCES D'EMILIO

ROME (AP) — Left-leaning Italian lawmakers and politicians on Sunday called for measures to outlaw pro-fascism groups a day after anti-vaccine protesters, incited by extreme-right leaders, stormed a union office in Rome.

Twelve protesters were either detained or arrested, authorities said Sunday, including Giuliano Castellino, leader of the extreme-right Forza Nuova party. Some 10,000 demonstrators turned out Saturday to express their outrage at a government-imposed requirement that employees have a "Green Pass" to enter their workplaces starting next Friday.

The passes certify that a person has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, recently recovered from the virus or tested negative within two days.

Cries of "Giuliano! Giuliano!" rose from the crowd

Saturday. Castellino, who due to past violence has been banned from demonstrations in Rome, was allegedly one of the Forza Nuova members who exhorted supporters to storm the national headquarters of the CGIL labor confederation. Labor unions in Italy have supported the Green Passes to make workplaces safer for employees. Scores of demonstrators used sticks, metal bars and rolled-up Italian flags to batter the door and then smashed through a window to enter. Inside, computers and phones were knocked to the ground and furniture was overturned.

Later, hundreds of demonstrators clashed with police as they tried to reach the square outside Chigi Palace, home to the premier's office and near the Italian parliament.

After the storming of the union headquarters, demonstrators had then headed down Rome's Via Vene-

to, a boulevard that winds past the U.S. Embassy. As a precaution, Italian security officials decided to usher Nancy Pelosi, the U.S. Speaker of the House, out of a nearby church where she had been attending Mass, her office said Sunday.

Earlier Saturday, Pelosi had a private audience at the Vatican with Pope Francis. Dozens of protesters on Saturday night also stormed the emergency room at the Umberto I Polyclinic, where a demonstrator had been taken after feeling ill, and it took hours to remove them, hospital officials said. Gov. Nicola Zingaretti of Lazio, the region including Rome, said the culprits appeared to have participated in the anti-vaccine protests.

In the melee at the clinic, a nurse was struck in the head by a bottle and two police officers suffered bruises, the Corriere della Sera newspaper reported. Among those calling for the



A demonstrator reacts as police fire teargas during a protest, in Rome, Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021.

Associated Press

outlawing of pro-fascism groups was Giuseppe Conte, Italy's former premier and the new leader of the populist 5-Star Movement. "We cannot accept these manifestations of thugery," Conte said.

The Italian Constitution bans any recreation of fascist parties, following the demise of Benito Mussolini's fascist dictatorship before and during World War II. Conte spoke to reporters

outside the GCIL headquarters, where hundreds of supporters demonstrated Sunday in solidarity. Similar demonstrations drew supporters in Florence, Bologna and Milan.

A Democratic Party lawmaker, Emanuele Fiano, said he'll present a motion in Parliament on Monday pressing Premier Mario Draghi's government to outlaw by decree Forza Nuova and similar movements. □

Czech president hospitalized; Could affect forming new govt

PRAGUE (AP) — Czech President Milos Zeman was rushed to the hospital on Sunday, a day after the country held parliamentary election in which populist Prime Minister Andrej Babis' party surprisingly came in second and Zeman has a key role in establishing a new government. The Czech presidency is largely ceremonial but the president chooses which political leader can try to form the next government. Earlier Sunday, Zeman met with Babis, his close ally, but the prime minister made no comment as he left the presidential chateau in Lany, near Prague.

On Saturday, the centrist ANO (Yes) party led by Babis, a populist billionaire, narrowly lost the Czech Republic's election, which could spell the end of the euroskeptic leader's reign in the European Union nation of 10.7 million people. A liberal-conservative three-party coalition named Together captured 27.8% of the vote, beating Babis' ANO, which won 27.1%. In a second blow to the populists, another center-left liberal coalition received 15.6% to finish third. The winning coalition won



Czech Republic's President Milos Zeman is admitted to the Military hospital in Prague, Czech Republic, Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021.

Associated Press

71 seats while its third-place partner captured 37 seats to have a comfortable majority of 108 seats in the 200-seat lower house of Parliament, and they pledged to work together. Babis's party won 72 seats, six less than in the 2017 election. But Zeman earlier indicated he would first appoint the leader of the strongest party, not the strongest coalition, to try to form the gov-

ernment. That would give Babis a chance to give it a try to find a majority for his possible new government. If he fails, as expected, and his latest government doesn't win a mandatory confidence vote in the house, Zeman could ask him to try to create a new government again. That has happened before. With no deadlines for the president's move, the

country faced a long term of political instability from the October 2017 election until July the following year, when Babis' second Cabinet finally won the confidence vote. "It would be no surprise if the election's loss wouldn't become reality for Babis for the following months," said analyst Petr Just from Metropolitan University Prague. But unlike in 2017, this latest

election produced a clear winner. Petr Fiala, the leader of Together and its candidate for prime minister, urged Zeman to accept the election results. "The opposition has gained a clear majority in the lower house," Fiala said. "The Constitution clearly says that a government needs support of a majority. We'll see what steps President Zeman is to take but it's essential that he cannot ignore that." In his only post-election comment, Zeman congratulated the election winner and all elected lawmakers. If Zeman is not able to act due to his illness or other reasons, the prime minister and the speakers of both houses of parliament will take over his presidential powers. If that happens, the new speaker of the lower house selects the premier. The parliament has to meet within 30 days of the election to select the speaker and other officials. In other election results, the anti-migrant and anti-Muslim force in the Czech Republic, the Freedom and Direct Democracy party, which wants the country to leave the EU, finished fourth with 9.6% support, or 20 seats. □

La Palma's volcanic eruption is going strong 3 weeks later



A volcano continues to spew out lava on the Canary island of La Palma, Spain in the early hours of Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021.

Associated Press

LOS LLANOS DE ARIDANE, Canary Islands (AP) — Three weeks since its eruption upended the lives of thousands, the volcano on Spain's La Palma island is still spewing out endless streams of lava with no

signs of ceasing. Authorities on Sunday monitored a new stream of molten rock that has added to the destruction of over 1,100 buildings. Anything in the path of the lava — homes, farms, swimming

pools and industrial buildings in the largely agricultural area — has been consumed. The collapse Saturday of part of the volcanic cone sent a flood of bright red lava pouring down from the Cumbre Vieja ridge that initially cracked open on Sept. 19. The fast-flowing stream carried away huge chunks of lava that had already hardened. An industrial park was soon engulfed. "We cannot say that we expect the eruption that began 21 days ago to end anytime soon," said Julio Pérez, the regional minister for security on the Canary Islands. La Palma is part of Spain's Canary Islands, an Atlantic Ocean archipelago off northwest Africa whose

economy depends on the cultivation of the Canary plantain and tourism. The new rivers of lava have not forced the evacuation of any more residents since they are all so staying within the exclusion zone that authorities have created. Some 6,000 residents were promptly evacuated after the initial eruption. Government experts estimated that the largest of the lava flows measures 1.5 km (.9 miles) at its widest point, while the delta of new land being formed where lava is flowing into the Atlantic has reached a surface of 34 hectares (84 acres). The scientific committee advising the government said that if the delta continues to grow outwards into the sea, parts of it could break off. That

would generate explosions, gas emissions and large waves, committee spokeswoman José María Blanco said, but should not represent a danger to those outside the no-go zone. The Canary Islands' tourism industry was already hard hit by the pandemic, and officials were urging tourists not to keep staying away. "This eruption is impacting a part of the island, but La Palma is still a safe place and can offer a lot to those who visit," said Mariano Hernández, the island's leading authority. The last eruption on La Palma 50 years ago lasted just over three weeks. The last eruption on all the Canary Islands occurred underwater off the coast of El Hierro island in 2011 and lasted five months. □

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U.N. officials say guards kill 6 migrants detained in Libya

ABOARD GEO BARENTS (AP)

— Guards at a Libyan detention center for migrants shot and killed at least six people amid chaos in the overcrowded facility, U.N. officials said Saturday as they again condemned widespread abuses against migrants in the North African country.

The development comes a week after authorities rounded up more than 5,000 migrants in a massive crackdown and after U.N.-commissioned investigators said abuses and ill treatment of migrants in Libya amount to crimes against humanity.

The shooting took place Friday in the Mabani detention center west of the capital, Tripoli, where authorities earlier this month brought 4,187 new detainees, including 511 women and 60 children, according to the International Organization for Migration.

A spokesman for Libya's Interior Ministry, which oversees migrant detention centers, did not respond to requests for comment.

The IOM said guards started shooting following a riot and an attempted escape by migrants.

But Vincent Cochetel, the U.N. refugee agency's special envoy for the Central Mediterranean, said "human rights violations and inhuman conditions" at Libya's overcrowded detention centers led to the mayhem, which included "indiscriminate shooting." Cochetel urged the European Union and U.N. to impose sanctions on those implicated in the abuses against migrants, especially after the findings of U.N.-commissioned investigators.

"Some individuals bear special responsibility for the human rights abuses

committed either because they are directly involved in them or because they cover them under their authority. It is time for the U.N. and the EU sanctions committee to take action and list some individuals," he told The Associated Press.

Peter Stano, the EU commission spokesperson for foreign affairs, said commission members "condemn this incident and expect its full investigation." He declined to comment further, pending further clarification on what had happened.

Federico Soda, the head of IOM's mission in Libya, said at least six migrants were killed by guards, and at least 15 others were injured and taken to hospitals.

"The use of excessive force and violence often resulting in death is a regular occurrence in Libyan detention centers," Soda said. "Some of our staff who witnessed this incident describe injured migrants in a pool of blood lying on the ground. We are devastated by this tragic loss of life."

Footage circulated online purporting to show hundreds of migrants fleeing the detention center through a gap in the facility fence. Some were seen helping fellow migrants who were hurt. Other videos showed large numbers of migrants running through the streets in Tripoli.

Gabriel Akoulong, 24, of Cameroon, was among the fleeing migrants. He was detained in the crackdown in the western town of Gargaresh, a major hub for migrants in Libya, and imprisoned in Mabani.

"They put us into crowded cells where we couldn't even breathe. There was no food, no water, no oxygen," he said.

During the escape, some



Dozens of migrants protest, Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021, in front of the office of the United Nation's humanitarian body in Tripoli, Libya.
Associated Press

migrants fell and were caught by Libyan guards who beat them. Some of the migrants trying to flee were shot, he said.

"I still ask myself why we have been detained and imprisoned," he told the AP in a phone interview from Tripoli where he was in hiding. Earlier this week, many migrants attempted to flee from the the Mabani center, but they were met "with extreme violence," said medical aid group Doctors without Borders, which was granted a rare visit to the center. □

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MedCare's fit2fly test centers offer your best option for the post vacation COVID-19 test which has been a requirement since January 26th 2021 by the U.S. before returning home. All passengers going to the United States, including U.S. citizens, are required to have a negative (antigen or PCR) COVID-19 test result of a test taken maximum three days prior to boarding the flight, or documentation of recovery from COVID-19. MedCare's testing centers in and close to the hotels provide you with an easy and secure solution.

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mended that the tests are done timely, as the negative test is only accepted if taken up to three days before boarding your flight. MedCare Fit2Fly Testing Center at the Cove Mall is opposite the Holiday Inn and is open every day for walk-ins from 8 AM through 6 PM. MedCare's other location is situated at The Courtyard Aruba Resort, is across the street from the RIU Hotel and is open every day from 8:00 AM until 2 PM.

At your hotel

For a selection of hotels/resorts in Aruba, MedCare has setup Testing Centers on site. The hotels/resorts at which we have a testing site are: Divi All Inclusive, Divi Dutch Village, Divi Golf, Divi Phoenix, Divi Tamarijn, Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort, Hyatt Regency, Renaissance, and the Ritz-Carlton Resort. Please contact your front desk for more information on our Testing Centers at these properties.

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Exploring the Mainstreet of San Nicolas

SAN NICOLAS— At Just 11 miles southeast from Oranjestad you will enter the city San Nicolas, also known as Sunrise City or Chocolate City. A city that is rich in authentic culture and island charm. San Nicolas is Aruba's second largest city and was once a bustling company town dominated by the oil industry since the early 1930's.



Over the course of four decades, its demographics had changed immensely due to a stream of Afro-Caribbean and South American workers who came to fill the jobs in the oil refinery between the 1920's until the 1960's. To this day traces of the multicultural influences in culinary offerings and customs, housing and population are clearly visible in San Nicolas - more than anywhere else on the island.

Flow of history

if you are looking for history San Nicolas has it. Here you will find three amazing museums, The Museum of Industry, the Community Museum and the Carnival Euphoria, all within walking distance from one another. The Museum of Industry is situated in the Water Tower in San Nicolas and narrates Aruba's industrial history which began in the 19th century. Here you will learn

about gold, aloe, phosphate, oil and the tourism industries which made San Nicolas once a bustling business center. Experience the touching stories of those who were part of this history.

Nicolaas Store built in 1940 and renovated in 2014 is the home of the Community Museum. The collection is remarkable and spans millennia. Ancient fossils stand next to tableaux of an authentically recreated colonial kitchen and bedroom and 19th-century barber-shop, just to name a few of the items of old-time Aruba that has been preserved. A collection of artifacts and other objects of artistic, cultural, historical, or scientific importance can be found here for the purpose of education or enjoyment.

The new San Nicolas

In the shadow of the refinery, an art capital is quietly beginning to grow. This is the new San Nicolas, a place that is starting to become a magnet for all that is young, cool and hip in Aruba. Indeed, San Nicolas has all of the ingredients of an emerging cultural hub — varied history, interesting architecture, and, perhaps most importantly, an urban layout that makes it walkable. As you walk around, the streets are silent but the walls are loud, filled with bright, colorful

buildings with colorful art pieces that keep brightening up SunriseCity.

Must See, Do, Buy & Eat

A little bit of everything can be found in the main street. Stores selling shoes, clothing, jewelry you name it. Arts & crafts by Cosecha store & Creative Center, a design store in which you can immerse yourself in dis-

covering genuine and locally made arts and crafts which reflect the diversification of the Aruban craft heritage and the artistic supply of artisans. Don't miss out on trying the exquisite food offered by the cafes and restaurants or just enjoy a peaceful walk admiring the murals, mosaic benches and all the history San Nicolas has to offer. □



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ate fishermen on the island that go out every day in search for fish to feed their families and serve our local market. One of these fishermen is Gregory Wernet.

History of fishing in Aruba

The so-called Continental Bank between Aruba and the opposite coast reaches a depth of about 650 feet. The sea is very rich in fish here. Since the time of the indigenous native people fish and other sea creatures such as turtles, octopus squids, conch and many type of crustaceans have formed a means of subsistence for the native Aruban inhabitants. Especially along the west coast of the island where the fishing grounds are settlements of fishermen. Until the arrival of the oil -industry Aruban fishermen could supply Aruba's wants.

As a source of income, however, fishing did not amount too much. In the beginning of the 1900's approximately 160 peo-

ple earn their living in this branch of this industry. Rancho, which stands for a shed, nowadays east Oranjestad, was the head quarter and remains the fishermen's settlement. Savaneta, Noord, Santa Cruz all had their fishermen's villages. At a rough estimate there were about a hundred small fishing boats during that time.

The Arubans were mainly engaged in coastal fishing, using rowing-boats or small sailing-boats, and lines or dragnets and canisters in shallow water. When fishing with deep-sea lines just over the bottom of the sea the boat is kept in place by means of a piece of rock serving as an anchor. The two most important species of fish by far caught in this manner are the pargo or red snappers and a variety of groupers like the mero, jeanpao and the wowo di boyo.

Cruising off the coast the Aruban fisherman patiently waits for a fish willing to snap at the bait on the drag-line, in nets and traps. Veritable giants are sometimes caught. Barracudas weigh from 9 to 44 pounds and measure from 3 to almost 7 feet. The king-fish has a weight from 22 to 44 pounds; the moclaf may tip the scales at 155, whilst garfish, having a length of nine feet, weigh over 132 pounds.

Most fish caught is used for their own consumption, to feed their families and some are being sold in the market to local restaurants.

Fisherman Gregory Wernet Gregory Wernet is a well-known fisherman from Santa Cruz. His father taught him fishing when he was a small child. Gregory has two sons, Jordan and Jordanny, which he taught

fishing too, when they were only 3 years old and he takes them fishing with him. Fishing has been a family tradition for quite a long time and even his grandson Willvion of 7 years old is following his grandfather steps. This is the sixth generation of fishermen in their family.

They go deep sea fishing. There they catch red snapper, grouper and amberjack. They usually fish for 15 hours a day, but now due to the covid-19 measurements they go fishing from 5 in the morning until 8 o'clock at night or even sometimes from 8 at night till 5 in the morning. The day before they prepare all their fishing tools such as the Lines, lures, spears, and load their boat with fishing reels, batteries, fill the gasoline tank, lights and some food and beverages. For bait he uses sardines, squid and the small fish known in Aruba as piskechi. The have two boats they use for fishing. 'Virgen del Valle' which is parked at the pier by the Seaport and 'Padrot' which they have at home.

The fish they catch they take home to their families and they also sell it to their clients. Gregory is proud to be a fisherman. It is a honest and humble job but with it he is able to feed his family even during hard times. It is a very dangerous job and you have to spend many hours on the sea, waiting patiently and risking your life while fighting a big fish and big waves but the adrenaline it brings with it but also just sitting there listening to the sound of the waves and enjoying the marvelous view that nature has to offer is all worth it. □

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Small businesses navigate ever-changing COVID-19 reality

By MAE ANDERSON

NEW YORK (AP) — For a brief moment this summer, it seemed like small businesses might be getting a break from the relentless onslaught of the pandemic. More Americans, many of them vaccinated, flocked to restaurants and stores without needing to mask up or socially distance.

But then came a surge in cases due to the delta variant, a push for vaccine mandates and a reluctant return to more COVID-19 precautions. Now, small business owners are left trying to strike a balance between staying safe and getting back to being fully open.

Navigating ever-changing coronavirus reality comes with a number of risks, from financial hardship to offending customers to straining workers. Those challenges could intensify as winter approaches and outdoor alternatives become limited. Still, small business owners say the whiplash is worth it to keep customers and employees as safe as possible.

"Just weeks ago, small business owners hoped that a return to normalcy would help jump start our recovery," said Jessica Johnson-Cope, Chair of Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Voices National Leadership Council and owner of a small business herself, Johnson Security Bureau in New York.

New York City ordered a vaccine mandate for customers in August. For Dan Rowe, CEO of Fransmart, which runs the Brooklyn Dumpling Shop, the mandate has been a financial burden, and a headache. Brooklyn Dumpling Shop first opened in May and has six staffers. It's pandemic-friendly format is contact-



In this June 17, 2021, file photo, a sign requiring masks is displayed at a restaurant in Rolling Meadows, Ill.

Associated Press

less and automated.

"It was engineered to be a restaurant with less employees," Rowe said. Glass separates the kitchen and staff from customers, who order food from an app. When the kitchen is finished making the food, it's placed in an automat-style window, so workers don't come into contact with customers.

"We've engineered this great low labor restaurant, and the government is making us go backward," he said.

Rowe had to hire another staffer to check vaccine cards at the door, increasing his overhead. His complaint is that retail stores and groceries with prepared foods like Whole Foods don't face the same restrictions.

"It's not fair what's going on and it's not practical," he said.

The changing rules can

cause customer confusion — and even some resentment. Suzanne Lucey has owned Page 158 Books bookstore in Wake Forest, N.C., for six years. When the pandemic began, the store was closed for three months. Page 158 Books reopened last July, and gradually increased store capacity from 5 to 12, abiding by state guidelines. Capacity limits were lifted ahead of the holidays last year.

When case numbers started crawling up this summer, Lucey's zip code became the third highest in the state for COVID-19 cases. They have a sign in the window that says a mask is required inside the store, but without state or city rules to back them up, they're not enforcing it.

Lucey said only about one or two people a month disregard the rule.

"It's hard. You don't want to turn people away. But I want my staff to feel secure," Lucey said, especially since two of her staff have medical conditions that make them more vulnerable. "I don't want my staff to feel like they have to be combative. So that's how we're handling it. Most people are pretty respectful."

Allison Glasgow, director of operations for McNally Jackson bookstores in New York, echoed Lucey's sentiment.

Her stores follow state and city rules for restrictions. One store has a cafe, which must follow the New York City mandate for customers being vaccinated. The bookstores also require vaccination proof at events. Otherwise, masks are optional, though recommended, if customers and staff are vaccinated.

"You can seem antagonistic when you're trying to monitor people's vaccination status," she said. "It's not 'Hey, welcome in!' which is what you have always wanted to do -- it's a bit of a roadblock there."

Although safety is the priority for everyone, the

changes can be draining for owners and staff alike. Jennifer Williams, founder and CEO of closet organization company the Saint Louis Closet Co., said the company scrambled at first to implement a COVID-19 plan, including masking and increased sanitization. "We don't have the option to 'work from home,' our business happens in our manufacturing plant and in our client's homes, so we had to adjust quickly at the onset of the pandemic with Covid precautions," she said.

She nixed the mask requirement July 1, after her staff was fully vaccinated, COVID-19 cases were declining and the CDC recommendations changed. But that was short-lived.

In early August, Missouri was one of the top three states of coronavirus cases. Williams re-implemented the mask mandate.

Williams' staffers can spend up to eight hours a day in a mask installing closet organizing systems in a customer's home. "The mental drain on employees has been extreme," Williams said.

Jessica Benhaim, owner of Lumos Yoga & Barre, an independent fitness studio in Philadelphia, gradually increased size limits of classes from late spring into the summer, but capped them at 12, short of pre-pandemic levels of 18 students for yoga and 14 for barre.

Even though the city has lifted capacity restrictions, she's keeping it capped in case restrictions come back. She lifted mask requirements for vaccinated students on June 15 but reinstated them when Philadelphia implemented a mask mandate in mid-August. Vaccinated students can remove their masks when they reach their mats.

"The constant adjustments over the last 18 months have been draining," Benhaim said. "More than anything, it's been stressful balancing making adjustments with trying to keep a sense of normalcy for my staff and clients." □



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: I'VE MADE IT A POINT NEVER TO LEARN MY SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER BECAUSE I'M A PERSON, NOT A NUMBER. — H. ROSS PEROT

After 'Verzuz' series success, Timbaland creates Beatclub



Timbaland poses for a portrait in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Thursday, Aug. 5, 2021.

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By JONATHAN LANDRUM Jr.
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Timbaland paved his own way as a hit-making producer for elite acts like Justin Timberlake and Jay-Z, but now he's creating a lane for aspiring music creators to collaborate with the industry's biggest performers.

While his uber-successful "Verzuz" series with Swizz Beatz remains popular, Timbaland steps into a new venture called Beatclub, an online beat-selling marketplace. It's a digital platform for music makers to connect with musicians, producers, songwriters, music publishers and record labels.

Through Beatclub, Timbaland looks to become a liaison between the unknown and the very well-known.

"I know what it's like being a kid sitting in a room, don't know if you got talent. The way that this world is moving, how do these kids get their music heard," said Timbaland, a Grammy-winning producer and songwriter who has worked with Beyoncé, Missy Elliott, Rihanna, Madonna, Drake and more.

"This platform is a place where creators can communicate," he continues. "I'm the head of the ship. But guess what, if you own a ship, you can communicate with me and you get better. I can point you to a Lil Durk or Lil Baby and tell them to lookout for this guy or girl, and give that person a shot. That could be their

biggest dream."

Beatclub expects to officially launch later this year, but several top-line musicians and producers like J. Cole, Mike Will Made-It, Mike Dean, Tainy and Scott Storch have joined.

On Monday, Justin Timberlake announced to The Associated Press that he's joining Beatclub as well. The singer said he's currently working with Timbaland and Beatclub on his upcoming record.

"When Tim told me about Beatclub, the concept behind it, I thought what a great, brilliant idea," said Timberlake, who has won three Grammys with Timbaland for "Sexy Back," "LoveStoned/I Think She Knows" and "Pusher Lover Girl." The duo collaborated on five of Timberlake's studio albums.

Timberlake said in a video first released to the AP that the platform could be an avenue for creatives to connect, communicate and share music without being in the same room.

"For people to have access to this type of tech and platform where you can share stuff, I find it really inspiring," he said. "It gets me excited to collaborate with people I've never even met. Even the stuff we're working on right now with my record, it's all Beatclub. It's Tim bringing in people who he's found through this platform and bringing them to me."

Timbaland predicted Beatclub will be extremely re-

warding and educational to members, who can keep all their music rights and revenue, set their own terms for pricing and retain their publishing royalties. The platform won't take any additional income from subscribers.

"You're learning financial literacy," he said. "You're learning about wealth and how to control money and the business. It's your own business. It's a place for their tools to get valued when they think they are not."

Beatclub was named after Timbaland's record label Beat Club, which launched the career of rapper Bubba Sparxxx nearly two decades ago. The label ultimately folded, but Timbaland had an epiphany one night to keep the name alive but with a different approach.

After he woke up, Timbaland instantly called his business partner Gary Marella — who worked with him on "Verzuz" — to tell him about his idea for the new digital platform. He felt encouraged to pursue the Beatclub idea after the success of "Verzuz" series, which has two musicians facing off in a song-against-song battle. The series was acquired by Triller earlier this year. It has grown from being on Instagram Live to having in-person battles in front of an audience, and could head into the touring space, the producer says.

Timbaland said "Verzuz" improved his business savvy while the pandemic reprogrammed his self-awareness.

"'Verzuz' helped me dial back into my past," he said. "It helped me with my people skills, and how to deal with people without getting emotional and stop being selfish. It taught me how to think about both parties, my business and coming to a solution. You see there's a problem, but what's the solution."

Marella said he was immediately sold with the Beatclub idea when Timbaland called him. □

Louisiana: Restored nesting island wildly popular with birds

RABBIT ISLAND, La. (AP) — Restoration of an island in Louisiana's fragile coastal area is proving wildly popular with the birds it was rebuilt for, their numbers exploding on the recently added land, authorities said Wednesday.

Pelicans, egrets, herons, ibis, terns, and other colonial water birds built about 6,100 nests on Rabbit Island — more than 16 times the number biologists had expected, a news release from the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority said.

The island supports the only brown pelican colony in southwest Louisiana, and about 1,500 pairs of pelicans were among the nesting birds. They included many of the 322 pelicans banded there this year and last, the agency said.

Rabbit Island had eroded from nearly 290 acres (117 hectares) to about 200 acres (80 hectares) — with most of that either under water or so low that high tides regularly covered nests.

Dredging began last fall, adding 102 acres (41 hectares) rather than the 88 (36 hectares) planned and creating an expanse up to 3.5 feet (about 1 meter) above sea level.

"We're thrilled to see our state bird come home to a new and improved habitat," said authority chairman Chip Kline.

Settlement money from a devastating 2010 oil spill paid by energy giant BP funded the \$16.4 million project run by the coastal authority and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Federal scientists estimated that the spill killed up to 102,000 birds Gulf-wide, though later studies put



In this image provided by the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, brown pelicans nest among laughing gulls on Rabbit Island in southwest Louisiana.

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the figure much higher. Anywhere from 12,700 to 27,600 pelicans were killed, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Experts say the pelicans have recovered well, unlike longer-lived corals and dolphins. Hundreds of birds rescued from the spill were released on Rabbit Island after having oily gunk washed from their feathers.

Sediment dredged from the Calcasieu Ship Channel raised and expanded the island, which lies about

6 miles (10 kilometers) from Louisiana's southwestern coast, in a cove of Calcasieu Lake.

Twelve species nested there this year, 10 of them considered "species of greatest conservation need" by Louisiana. All were among species hardest hit by the BP oil spill, the coastal authority said. Grasses and shrubs will be planted to make it even more attractive to the birds. The project started as a collaboration between Cameron and Calcasieu par-

ishes, said state Rep. Ryan Bourriaque, a Republican from Cameron Parish. □



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Ko gets wire-to-wire win at Founders and ties Annika record

WEST CALDWELL, N.J. (AP) —

Jin Young Ko finished off a wire-to-wire victory Sunday in the Cognizant Founders Cup with her 14th consecutive round in the 60s that matched a 16-year record held by Annika Sorenstam. Even in a steady rain at Mountain Ridge, the 26-year-old South Korean star made it look easy. She closed with a 5-under 66 for a four-shot victory over Caroline Masson of Germany.

Ko started the final round with a four-shot lead and no one got closer than three all day. The tournament all but decided, it was then a matter of how she finished. Ko ran off four birdies in a five-hole stretch in the middle of the back nine and finished at 18-under 266.

It was her 14th consecutive round in the 60s dating to a 69 in the final round of the Evian Championship. That ties the mark Sorenstam set in the middle of her 10-win season in 2005.

Sorenstam won three of four tournaments during that stretch of 14 straight rounds in the 60s, including a major, and was runner-up in another. Ko won twice



Jin Young Ko, of Korea, with trophy after winning the Cognizant Founders Cup, Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021, in West Caldwell, N.J.

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and was runner-up and tied for sixth in the others during her streak.

Ko joined Nelly Korda as the only three-time winners on the LPGA Tour this season, and she became the fifth South Korean with at least 10 victories, still well short of the record 25 held by pioneer Se Ri Pak.

Next up for Ko, who has played the last four weeks,

is a trip home and short break. She plans to play the BMW Ladies Championship the following week in South Korea — the only Asia event in the fall because of the pandemic.

"I still have a chance (to) beat Annika, and I will try to do my best," she said after getting a champagne shower.

Ko successfully defended

her title at the Founders Cup, though it was as different as could be. The tournament was held in Phoenix in 2019, was canceled last year during the pandemic, and then picked up a new title sponsor and moved to the Donald Ross design in New Jersey.

Those back-to-back victories came two years, six months and 16 days apart

on opposite ends of the country. Cognizant also doubled the prize money, making it the largest purse among regular LPGA Tour events. Ko earned \$450,000.

More important, she pulled within 20 points of Korda in the Race to the CME Globe with the end of the season fast approaching.

Korda replaced Ko's long run at No. 1 in the world this summer when she won her first major at the Women's PGA Championship. The 23-year-old American also won the gold medal at the Tokyo Olympics.

Korda closed with a 73 at Mountain Ridge and tied for 19th. She has three wins in her last six events, and those are her only top 10s.

Korda is not playing in South Korea, leaving Ko an excellent chance to move past her on the season points list. The LPGA then concludes with two Florida events, capped off by the CME Group Tour Championship. Ko won the season finale a year ago after spending much of the season riding out the pandemic in South Korea. That gives her four victories in the last calendar year. □

Sky open WNBA Finals with 91-77 win over Mercury



Chicago Sky forward/center Candace Parker looks to pass as Phoenix Mercury guard Diana Taurasi (3) defends during the first half of game 1 of the WNBA basketball Finals, Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021, in Phoenix.

Associated Press

By JOHN MARSHALL

AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX (AP) — Kahleah Copper scored 21 points, Allie Quigley added 18 and the hot-shooting Chicago Sky opened the WNBA Fi-

nals with a 91-77 win over the Phoenix Mercury on Sunday.

The Sky withstood Phoenix's fast start and took control with a 21-2 run spanning halftime to go up 17. Court-

ney Vandersloot had 12 points and 11 assists, helping Chicago shoot 53% and snatch home-court advantage from the Mercury in the best-of-five series.

Game 2 is Wednesday in Phoenix.

The Mercury played without guards Kia Nurse (torn ACL) and Sophie Cunningham (left calf strain), and the lack of depth seemed to hurt them against one of the WNBA's best offensive teams.

Brittney Griner had 20 points and Diana Taurasi 17 for the Mercury, who pulled within eight late before running out of steam and time. The 2021 WNBA Finals is the first for both franchises since the Mercury swept the Sky in 2014.

It's also a showdown between two of the sport's all-

time greats still at the top of their games.

A three-time WNBA champion and the league's all-time leading scorer, the 39-year-old Taurasi took over down the stretch of Game 5 against Las Vegas, scoring 14 of her 24 points in the fourth quarter. She was voted the greatest player in the WNBA's 25-history by the fans in ceremony before Game 1 of the finals.

Parker, a two-time league MVP, returned home to Chicago this season after playing her first 13 seasons in Los Angeles and has been a key reason the Sky reached the finals, finishing with 17 points, nine rebounds and seven assists in the clinching game against Connecticut in the semifinals. The 35-year-old was honored as one of the WN-

BA's greatest players during a ceremony after the first quarter of Game 1.

Taurasi kick started Phoenix's hot start to the final with two early 3s, helping the Mercury build an early nine-point lead.

Parker led the Sky back, scoring 11 first-half points while keying a late second quarter 17-0 run that put Chicago up 46-35 at halftime.

Chicago stretched the lead to 17 in the third quarter before Phoenix went on a 10-2 run to pull within 52-45.

That's as close as the Mercury would get.

The Sky continued to drop in shots, pushing the lead to 86-66 midway through the fourth quarter before withstanding a late run by Phoenix's reserves. □

After 3 misses, Crosby kicks OT winner; Packers top Bengals

By The Associated Press
CINCINNATI (AP) — Mason Crosby hit a 49-yard field goal in overtime after missing three straight attempts, lifting the Green Bay Packers to a wild 25-22 win over the Cincinnati Bengals on Sunday.

The typically reliable Crosby missed potential winners with 2:12 and then 3 seconds left in regulation, and missed another attempt in overtime before finally winning it. Heading into the game he was 44 of 46 on field-goal attempts since the start of the 2019 season. Crosby, who missed an extra-point earlier in the game and also made three field goals, came in having converted all six field-goal attempts and 11 PATs this year.

The Bengals' Evan McPherson also missed kicks that could have won the game, with 26 seconds left in regulation and again in overtime.

The Bengals (3-2) tied the score late in the fourth period. Ja'Marr Chase made a nice catch on third-and-6 from the Packers 36 for 19 yards, and two plays later Joe Mixon bounced right for an 8-yard touchdown run. Joe Burrow hit Tee Higgins in the back of the end zone for the 2-point conversion with 3:27 left.

Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers threw two touchdown passes to move into fifth place on the all-time list, finishing 27 of 39 for 344 yards and an interception. Davante Adams had 11 catches for a career-high 206 yards as the Packers (4-1) won their fourth straight since losing the opener to New Orleans.

Burrow was 25 for 38 for 260 yards and took a beating from the Green Bay defense. He threw scoring passes to Samaje Perine and Ja'Marr Chase.

BUCCANEERS 45, DOLPHINS 17

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Tom Brady threw for 411 yards and five touchdowns, Antonio Brown became the fastest NFL player to 900 receptions, and Tampa Bay rolled past Miami.

Brady threw for more 400

yards with five TDs in the same game for the first time in his 22-year career.

Brown scored on receptions of 62 and 4 yards, joining Julio Jones, Jerry Rice, Torry Holt and Andre Johnson as the only players in league history with 12,000 career receiving yards in fewer than 150 games. The 33-year-old receiver extended the NFL's longest active streak with at least one catch to 141 consecutive games and also became the fastest to 900 career receptions on his first catch of the day.

Brown reached the milestone in 143 career games. Hall of Famer Marvin Harrison was the previous fastest at 149.

Mike Evans had TD catches of 34 and 22 yards,



Green Bay Packers kicker Mason Crosby (2) misses a field goal from the hold of Corey Bojorquez in the second half of an NFL football game against the Cincinnati Bengals in Cincinnati, Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021.

Associated Press

and Giovani Bernard also scored on a 10-yard reception from Brady, who finished 30 of 41 with no interceptions — the third

straight game the Bucs (4-1) have gone without a turnover.

The Dolphins (1-4) have lost four straight following

a season-opening victory over New England.

Miami's Jacoby Brissett completed 27 of 39 passes for 279 yards, two TDs and an interception in his third consecutive start filling in for the injured Tua Tagovailoa.

SAINTS 33, WASHINGTON 22
LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Jameis Winston connected on a Hail Mary for one of his four touchdown passes to help New Orleans beat Washington, a bounce-back victory that came at a cost with two more injuries.

Winston took every snap at quarterback for the first time this season, a necessity after Taysom Hill suffered a concussion while trying to catch a pass in the second quarter. □

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such as the Spicy Caribbean Seafood pasta, Mahi Mahi or pan fried Red Snapper served with Aruban creole sauce or garlic lemon butter. For the carnivores among us there are choices of 8 ounce seasoned Filet Mignon, 12 ounce Rib Eye steak or a French Rack of Lamb seasoned and grilled to perfection. With choices of extra sides of fresh asparagus, seasonal vegetables, mashed or baked potatoes, fries or rice and beans. Combine your personal choice with one of the most exclusive wines from the great selection of international wines to compliment your dish. Kids will enjoy every item of the specially compiled kids menu. Vegetarians will enjoy the roasted vegetable pasta tossed in a light butter sauce and topped with freshly shaved parmesan cheese. As desserts the choices are wild. Homemade key lime pie, coconut flan served with caramel sauce and whipped cream or a NY cheese cake, chocolate brownie with chocolate sauce vanilla ice cream and whipped cream or a delicious oven fresh carrot cake served with orange sauce and candied pecans.



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